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### Here fishy, fishy, fishy ...

Harper Hamilton looks for fish at the Kids/Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days on Thursday, July 4 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. There were more than 100 children who participated in the event, which included crafts, fishing, a boat ride and a barbecue lunch. More photos on page 3. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Riding needs voice in government, candidate says

**CHAD INGRAM**  
*Staff Reporter*

It was at least in part the rise of right-wing populism in North America during the past few years that urged Judi Forbes to make her foray into the political realm.

Referencing "the regressive policies and divisive politics that we have seen, certainly south of the border, and in certain

provinces in Canada," Forbes, the newly minted Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the October federal election, explains she decided it was time to put in her name on the ballot.

She first ran to be the regional councillor for Brock township during the 2018 municipal elections. While she didn't win the seat, "I feel I ran a good campaign," Forbes says, adding she believes it was her municipal campaign that attracted the attention of the local Liberal riding asso-

ciation. She was acclaimed as the Liberal candidate during a nomination meeting in Lindsay in late June.

"I've always been interested in politics," Forbes says, with the pressures of building a career and raising a family taking up most of her time until recent years.

Forbes's career was in finance, including positions as a senior bank manager, largely in Toronto and southern Durham

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# Feds commit to EORN project

**CHAD INGRAM**

*Staff Reporter*

A long-awaited announcement that the federal government will contribute funding to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project took place last week, meaning all the funding is in place, and the project can proceed.

It will provide mobile, broadband internet to areas of eastern Ontario that currently have no or poor service. This includes swaths of Haliburton County. A federal contribution of \$71 million will match the \$71 million that was included in this spring's provincial budget. With a total project cost of \$213 million, \$10 million will come from the municipalities that comprise the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (of which Haliburton County is one), and the remaining \$61 million from the mobile service provider companies.

County Warden Liz Danielsen, along with other regional leaders, was in Bancroft for the funding announcement from

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# Project expected to get underway in spring 2020

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MP Mike Bossio on July 4.

"This project has been a long time in the making, and we have literally been waiting for funding to come through from both upper levels of government for almost two years," Danielsen said in an email to the Echo. "To have the federal government's commitment of \$71 million is the final piece in place for the project to proceed that will be a terrific boon not only for Haliburton County but for all of eastern Ontario. The hard work that has been done over the years by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network board and their extraordinary staff is what has driven this project and will go a long way to improve not only safety for drivers on the road and emergency services, but offer many digital economic opportunities over the next few years. Rest assured that despite the success of this project, both the EOWC and EORN will continue to pursue additional opportunities to further improve connectivity across eastern Ontario, and more particularly for the residents and visitors of Haliburton County."

The County of Haliburton will contribute up to \$565,000 to the project.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale said the project will enhance economic development opportunities in the riding, as well as increase community safety.

"Residents and businesses in eastern Ontario would benefit from improved access to online services which allow people to connect with friends, family, business, and community organizations," Schmale said in a press release. "Most importantly, this proposal will save lives by ensuring cellular access to emergency services in remote areas and improving public safety by connecting all first responders on a dedicated network."

While he's glad to see the funding, Schmale also had criticism for the Trudeau government in taking so long to confirm it, noting the announcement was made just months before the fall's federal election.

"I have been talking about the need to fill the gaps in internet and cellular coverage since being first elected in 2015 as people and businesses in rural communities struggle with reduced access to vital connectivity," Schmale said. "While today's announcement is a positive step forward, it also is met with frustration, as the government has had the EORN project application on their desk for over two years with little-to-no movement."

The project is to include the construction of 317 new telecommunications towers, as well as 32 local internet access points, throughout eastern Ontario. It will also identify gap areas, areas of heavier use, and upgrade

equipment to reduce network overloads.

According to EORN, which is owned by the wardens' caucus, 40 per cent of the area currently does not have enough capacity to access high-definition services that allow for streaming HD video; 20 per cent of the area does not have enough capacity for standard definition video, typical mobile app use and video app calling; and 10 per cent of the area has no voice call service.

The project's goal is to virtually eliminate cell gaps, providing service to 99 per cent of the areas where it is currently non-existent or poor. This includes all areas where people live or work, but not in uninhabited areas such as forests or swamps.

According to EORN, the increased connectivity is expected to create more than 3,000 jobs and generate more than \$420 million in private business revenue during the next decade. It is hoped that construction on the project will begin in spring of 2020, and it is expected to take three to four years to complete.

# Police investigating murder in Highlands East

The Haliburton Highlands OPP along with members of the OPP's crime unit and its forensics team are investigating a homicide that took place in Highlands East in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 6.

According to a release from the police, 58-year-old Robert Ferguson of Highlands East has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder and was scheduled to appear in court in Lindsay on July 8. OPP say there is no threat to public safety.

The deceased has been identified as 29-year-old Dylan Robert Dahle of Dysart et al. The investigation is ongoing, and post-mortem examination was scheduled to take place in Toronto on July 8.

This marks the second homicide in Haliburton County in three weeks, as police continue to investigate a homicide that took place in Haliburton Village on June 18.

By Chad Ingram

# Untapped opportunity in riding, Forbes says

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Region.

"I worked in a lot of different areas in finance in my career," she says.

Forbes, who lived in the Don Mills area for 25 years, retired to Lake Simcoe near Beaverton eight years ago, and runs a bed and breakfast there. She holds a BA from McMaster University, is the chairwoman of the board of a local nursing home, sits on the Brock Board of Trade, and in the past has volunteered with such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Engineers Without Borders, the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Cancer Society.

Forbes has begun having conversations with residents of the constituency, including some in Haliburton County.

"There is a lot of concern there about climate change and the devastating effects of it," she says, referencing what has been becoming regular and severe spring flooding. She touts the Liberals' climate change plan, which includes the carbon pricing or "carbon tax" the Ford government has been fighting against, and stresses that action on climate change comes down to changing individual behaviours.

Referencing the \$71 million contribution the Trudeau government confirmed last week it would make to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to greatly enhance cellular broadband connectivity throughout the area,

Forbes said it would be crucially important for local economic development.

"People are concerned about the lack of good jobs," she says, adding, "I'm tired of seeing young people have to move out of this riding to find good, quality jobs."

The \$71 million contribution matches \$71 million the provincial government approved for the project in its spring budget.

Increased connectivity will provide opportunities for start-ups in the riding.

"I think there's so much potential to have green initiatives start up here," Forbes says. "Why can't we have one of those start-ups happen here, in this riding?"

She also believes the riding's natural beauty could be better utilized to attract more visitors and businesses.

"I think there's incredible opportunity that isn't being leveraged here," she says.

Forbes also says the riding needs a stronger voice in Ottawa, and one that will be part of the new government.

"I believe this riding needs to have a voice in Ottawa with the party that will be in power, and I believe that party will be the Liberals."

The Forbes campaign is seeking volunteers, and anyone interested can call the campaign office at 705-702-4798, or visit [www.liberal.ca](http://www.liberal.ca) to register.

Forbes will challenge incumbent Conservative MP Jamie Schmale, along with NDP candidate Barbara Doyle, in the Oct. 21 election.

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### Fun and fishing

Julia Lafferty, left, Brady Burtch, Georgia Neilson, and Sarah Teljeur do their best impressions of inmates (jail house and costumes provided by Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers) at the Kids/Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days event on Thursday, July 4 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The program provided children a few hours of fun in the sun fishing, learning and boating off the shore of Head Lake Park. It was a co-ordinated community event with the help of Dysart et al, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the MNR, the OPP, Turtle Guardians (a Land Between program), Paddle Smart, and the Haliburton County Public Library. Sponsors for the event were Haliburton Bus Lines, Point in Time, Wee Care, Compass Early Learning and Care, Curry Motors, Outdoors Plus, Minden Canadian Tire, Rotary Club of Haliburton, and the Police Association of Ontario. /DARREN LUM Staff



An OPP search and rescue dog gets up close and personal.



A boat heads from shore during the Kids/Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days event.



### Music in the Park returns

Above, there were close to 250 people at the first Music in the Park concert, featuring the Highlands Swing Band this past Tuesday at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Special thanks to the Haliburton County Folk Society and the 15 sponsors, supporting the weekly concert series which ends Aug. 13, presented by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Next week The Moontones will perform. The admission by donation concerts are every Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, conductor Dan Manley gives direction to the Highlands Swing Band during the first Music in the Park concert of the summer this past Tuesday at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

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# Canoe FM gets funky

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

Volunteer radio station Canoe FM will be adding new program Weekend Funk, featuring funk and soul music for the first live overnight show the station has hosted.

The show, which comes on every Saturday from 11 p.m. to Sunday 1 a.m., will be hosted by new volunteer and Lindsay resident Mike Perry. The show boasts two parts: the first hour full of vibrant funk music to get listeners dancing, and the other hour, The Quiet Storm, showcasing slow jams and soulful sounds designed to relax the mind.

"It's a real honour to have a specialty show and to bring funky music to the people of Haliburton County," said Perry, who's been working with the station for months to get the show going. "This is really great because it's a hobby for me. I really enjoy radio work, and I've loved funky music since I was a kid. It helps my creative side – it's a little creative expression, which is always good to have in life."

Canoe FM had been looking for a lively Saturday evening show for some time and Perry's pitch was the right fit.

"My program committee a couple

years ago, they were trying to find some kind of dance, fun music for a Saturday night because they felt that they wanted to try to attract, not necessarily a younger audience, but something that's not going to put people to sleep," said Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey.

"He was excited about doing something fun, upbeat, and funky. Mike said this is what he could offer, and we said that would be great."

Perry, a lawyer, social worker, and Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team's executive director, is passionate about old-school, live radio music, and will be looking to host contests and highlight local and Canadian artists during his two-hour show.

"I think everybody's funky down deep," said Perry and radio persona DJ M.P. "I think funky music speaks to that side of us that we all have that seeks expression and really gets us moving. This show really wants to put the fun in funk, and have people enjoy the music, get to know it better, and look a little bit at the messaging that's come out of the funk scene over the years."

Weekend Funk will be hosted by DJ M.P. live every Saturday from 11 p.m. to Sunday 1 a.m., debuting on July 13. For more information, visit @wkndfunk and @thequietstrm on Twitter, and canoefm.com.



Mike Perry, new volunteer at Canoe FM, will be hosting "Weekend Funk" every Saturday at 11 p.m. to Sunday 1 a.m. starting on July 13, marking the first live overnight show the station has hosted. DJ M.P. hopes to interact with listeners through song requests and texts, and looks forward to exploring funk with Haliburton County. /Submitted by Mike Perry

# Savage murder trial planned for September

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A trial date for William Savage, the Fenelon Falls man accused with the first-degree murder of David Palmer of Bowmanville, has been tentatively set to begin Sept. 23.

The jury selection process is planned to begin that day, and depending on how long jury selection takes, as well as any further motions to be dealt with, the trial could start the next day or within that week.

"It's scheduled for five weeks, but it could take five days, it could take 10 weeks," said supervisor of court operations, Teresa Jenkinson. "It's set for five weeks."

Savage was 47 when he was charged with first degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016 in connection with the death of Palmer, who was 47 at the time of his death. At

the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other.

Savage, who is currently released on bail, returned to court on June 26 last week for an in-person appearance.

The matter next returns to court on July 22 at 10 a.m., tentatively in Courtroom 2T at the Lindsay courthouse located at 440 Kent Street West, Lindsay.

September's trial will be held in Lindsay, according to Jenkinson, but the July date will be based on where the judge is at that time.

The file has so far been in Lindsay, Newmarket, Peterborough and Cobourg, with Jenkinson noting it can go anywhere in the central east region.

Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 on video surveillance stopping at a gas station on Hwy 35 outside of Pontypool and his Honda Accord was recovered on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail in Haliburton. His remains were discovered in May 2016.

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# Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest right around the corner

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

The second annual Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest is fast approaching, bringing along a day full of family activities, traditional craft brewed beers, and music for everyone to enjoy.

"The focus for us always is that we are a service club," said Gail Stelter, volunteer for the Brewers Fest committee. "The beer fest is definitely a fundraiser for the Haliburton District Lions Club but it also is a wonderful community event. All the money that we raise at the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest goes back into the community."

The fest highlights the art of small and independent craft brewers in the midst of a variety of foods and live music played by local musicians. It will be a family and pet friendly event, with eight craft brewers, two craft coolers, and six food vendors.

This year, games for both adults and families are available for guests to enjoy. According to Stelter, adult games will be ongoing through the day, while a play area for children includes face-painting and balloon twisting, a fish pond, a parachute, bubbles, and boat races.

"Also near the games area, are ice cream, free popcorn,



and a couple of young entrepreneurs who will be selling candy floss as well," said Stelter. "We're making it a beer fest, but a little bit of a fair."

The Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest will take place on Saturday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Head Lake Park. Admission is \$20 per person, which includes four beer tokens and a four-ounce pour glass. Photo ID

The first Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest welcomed crowds to Head Lake Park in Haliburton. This year's event is planned for July 20 at Head Lake Park. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

must be presented to gain admission. For non-drinkers, the admission is \$10, which includes four water tokens. Tickets for children aged eight to 18 are \$5, while children under 7 are free.

For more information, visit [haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com](http://haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com)

## Students celebrate and learn about Indigenous culture

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

For the fifth year, Wilberforce elementary school students, their families, and school staff joined with members of the local Metis and Algonquin communities to celebrate Indigenous culture.

At an event held June 14 at the Lloyd Watson Centre, WES principal Elaine Fournier said students had the opportunity to learn about traditional cooking, drumming and art from members of the local Metis and Algonquin communities.

"Celebrating our local Indigenous culture in meaningful and authentic ways is very important to us at WES," said Fournier. "Even in a small school, we don't always know our students' heritage as well as we think we do, and providing opportunities for the children to participate in meaningful learning opportunities that may be a part of their culture has a deep and lasting impact for our students. This type of celebration also provides an opportunity to engage our families in culturally relevant ways and for the entire community to learn more about Indigenous culture from our community partners."

The event held this year was supported by special funding from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board which is geared toward promoting Indigenous culture within area schools.

"TLDSB is committed to building meaningful relationships with elders, knowledge keepers, senators, community stakeholders and Indigenous families," reads the TLDSB web site. "We are committed to further support our students and staff as they learn the rich and vibrant cultural traditions, histories, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island ... Schools



Elementary school students from Wilberforce learned about traditional cooking, drumming and art from members of the local Metis and Algonquin communities on June 14. / Submitted

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## Foreign sponsorship: an option to consider

MY GRANDMA was the first person within my family to make it to Canada. After being a Catholic elementary school teacher in the Philippines during her young adult life, she got sponsored by a family in Hong Kong in 1987, and worked as a nanny and teacher for their children for four years. Four years filled with learning Cantonese and gaining enough caregiver experience to one day qualify for sponsorship in Canada, my grandma's experience in a foreign country was a stepping stone in realizing her dream to raise her family in North America.

By 1991 she was accepted for a Canadian visa, sponsored by a couple who employed her as a nanny. After being employed for at least two years and jumping through hoops of qualifications and regulations, my grandma successfully received her permanent residency. By the age of 40, she finally brought over her husband and four teenage children to the new place they'd begin to call home.

Without my grandma being sponsored, there's no guarantee my family and I would have ever had the chance to live in Canada. And the help my grandma provided to families, both in Hong Kong and Canada, is something invaluable that can't be easily measured and explained.

Getting into Canada is a long and hard process that not many people have the privilege of experiencing.



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### Editorial

expected to make up around 23 to 25 per cent of the population. And yet, there's a shortage of qualified care workers throughout the country – recruitment agencies and educational institutions are finding difficulty in attracting people to this in-demand market.

By employing someone abroad who is skilled and willing to take on jobs that not many Canadians are willing to do themselves, you help give someone a shot at a new life while they help you with yours. Do the research and take the chance – this set-up can be a win-win for everybody involved.

The rules and regulations change with each year, and there are no shortcuts when it comes to bureaucracy and qualifications. Sponsoring someone abroad to work as a caregiver is no exception, and an option that many people are unaware of.

It may not be easy to sponsor someone from abroad. There's expensive upfront costs that come with paying a caregiver, live-in or not, to work for you. Private health insurance, travel costs, and a living wage are the minimum that need to be accounted for. And after a couple of years caring for you or your family, it's not guaranteed that your foreign caregiver will be approved to stay.

But Canada has an aging population with not enough personal care workers to keep up. According to Statistics Canada, by 2036, seniors are



Roadside flowers

by Darren Lum

## Evolving

I HAVE A yoga teacher who ends his classes by saying "keep practicing and keep evolving." He reminds us that we are always becoming. There are always new possibilities. We are not fixed and rigid, but rather are always learning, growing, expanding and changing. Nothing stays the same. This article comes from the heart of Mariposa Folk Festival which is in its 59th year. The festival began in Orillia, moved to Toronto, Barrie and finally returned home to Orillia 19 years ago. It is a festival that has evolved and is evolving in so many ways.

Environmentally Mariposa has evolved to be a water bottle free event. A hydration station provides access to free water and participants just have to bring their own water bottle. With more than 8,000 participants that is a lot of plastic water bottles being eliminated each year. All of the food at the festival is served on compostable plates, and all the thousands of beer cups are compostable as well. All events should be evolving this way.

I first attended Mariposa 19 years ago, and I have watched the music evolve as well. Last night one of the performers said "folk festivals are all kinds of music for folk." I love the huge range of music that is available to choose from. I first saw the Julian Taylor Band in Haliburton at our Legion last winter. A sold out crowd danced the night away. Julian Taylor is at this festival and there is nothing like thousands of people dancing together to give a person

hope for the planet. Positive messages in the songs, great musical talent and happy people on a summer day is a great combination.

I've made several new musical discoveries this year and one of them is "My Son the Hurricane." Sue Shikaze and Thom Lambert told me about them a few years ago and they did not exaggerate the talent. This ensemble, which at this event was 12 people, mixes New Orleans music with funk, jazz and hip hop.

Band members play trombones, trumpets, saxes and sousaphone and they are so much fun. The audience couldn't sit still. Other performers who I've seen in Haliburton (courtesy of the Haliburton County Folk Society) like Dave Gunning, Lynn Miles, Anne Lindsay, Steve Poltz are here as well. I've listened to Danny Michel's music for a few years and he got on the stage and sang a song that he wrote

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### Green meadow

called "Born to be Wild" which he wrote for the brave kids of the #neveragain #marchforourlives movement. Danny will be performing out our Hike Haliburton this fall and it will awesome. I've been in tears a couple of times at this festival, moved by beautiful music and a beautiful presence on the stage. Martin Sexton blends soul, gospel, country, rock, blues, and R&B. I had never heard of him until he got up on the stage, and I'm ending this article now because I want to get to the Sunday morning workshop "Waking up Grateful for Each New Day."

Martin and other will perform. Music keeps me evolving and learning and being inspired.

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## Three alpacas

**L**AST WEEKEND, we attended the only hipster wedding I've ever been invited to. And, I must admit, it felt pretty good to finally hang out with the cool kids.

As we were driving back up the 400 after the wedding, I said to Jenn: "Those hipsters sure have magnificent beards, don't they?"

This was not a question so much as a statement of the glaringly obvious. Everyone knows hipsters have taken the beard technology and styling to new, dizzying heights, but, rest assured, you have never seen a hipster beard reach its full, God-given glory until you've been to a hipster wedding.

It was breathtaking.

What was even better though, was just prior to the sit down reception, a wrangler brought out three alpacas and walked them through the crowd. I know what you are thinking, but let me assure you that having three alpacas at a wedding is not something that is common in my culture – at least since dowries fell out of fashion.

When I asked why not one, not two, but three alpacas were being paraded around, no one seemed to know. Then one person told me that it was the only thing the groom, Curtis, specifically asked for in the whole celebration.

And that is the exact moment I knew that my second cousin Melissa had chosen wisely. For Curtis possessed the rugged good looks of Yukon Cornelius and, apparently, true genius too.

In fact, I am nominating him for a Nobel Prize, if there is one, for his groundbreaking work in male contributions to wedding planning – a category I thought I should have won years ago when, at the

beginning of my failed attempt at marriage, I suggested a Boreal forest taxidermy theme, complete with moose hoof ash trays.

Right now many of you are probably wondering why Curtis deserves a Nobel Prize rather than just the Order of Canada.

Well, here's why.

Melissa had worked diligently for about two years, painstakingly planning every aspect of a very beautiful wedding. No stone was left unturned, from a romantic outdoors ceremony in a peaceful grove of maples to handcrafted tile coasters scripted in gold ink with the names of every person attending. There were beautiful flower and balloon arrangements, a delightful venue, a warm and welcoming atmosphere and excellent food and drink. Melissa's work was the very embodiment of good taste, grace, thoughtfulness and artistry.

Yet, in a few years, when we sit down and reminisce about this fine couple and the wonderful wedding they invited us to, all we will remember is alpacas. Those three wonderful alpacas.

By the way, this is not something Melissa should feel bad about, for had Leonardo da Vinci painted three alpacas in the background of the Mona Lisa no one would have ever noticed she was smiling.

There is a lesson for us all here.

For me, it is a timely one.

Next month my oldest daughter Jennifer is also getting married. She too is going to great lengths to plan all the wonderful things that make a marriage ceremony and reception so special. And her fiancé John is doing what men are typically asked to do before a wedding – which is to say he is continually nodding in the affirmative and staying the heck out of the way.

Personally, I can't understand how this attitude persists in modern times. After all, the groom is part of the wedding too. That's why I called John this morning and told him about the alpacas.



## Loon Tales

steve  
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## pic of the past

**T**his photo shows a Twelfth of July parade in Haliburton in 1947. The photo was taken on York Street with Head Lake and Walling's barn in the background. Some of the ladies of the LOBA, Haliburton Northern Lodge shown in the photo: Bertha Porter, Myrtle Davies, Ruth Ward, Lillian Hague, Mae Ward. The drummer was Red Greer and Earl Cooper was the piper on the right. In the 1930s and '40s, the Twelfth of July attracted large crowds to the communities where they were held. The sawmills usually closed for the special day and some years a special train ran from Haliburton to nearby towns where the Twelfth was celebrated. /From the Echo archives, submitted originally by Tom Hodgson

## letters to the editor

## Voter loyalty only goes so far

To the Editor,

I'm not sure whether to pity Laurie Scott for being an entrapped member of Doug Ford's cabinet where all members *must* energetically tout the party line (ie. Ford's pronouncements) or to chastise her for not having the guts to criticize or even vote against his outlandish initiatives (eg. increase class sizes in high schools while promising that there will be no job losses) in caucus meetings where members should be free to state their views.

There seems to be a potential backlash brewing among the Conservative MPPs as they see the precipitous slide in Ford's popularity and the resultant tarnishing of the Tory brand. More backbenchers are seriously thinking about dethroning Ford,

as they did with Patrick Brown a little over a year ago.

Will Scott finally realize that people voted for her to represent them at Queen's Park rather than merely serve as a voiceless sycophant who is willing to stoop as low as necessary in order to maintain her perks as a cabinet minister? So far she has chosen the latter option. But voter loyalty can only be strained so far.

This promises to be a very interesting year in Ontario.

Dennis Choptiany  
Koshlong Lake

## Smokers' Helpline providing free nicotine patches and gum

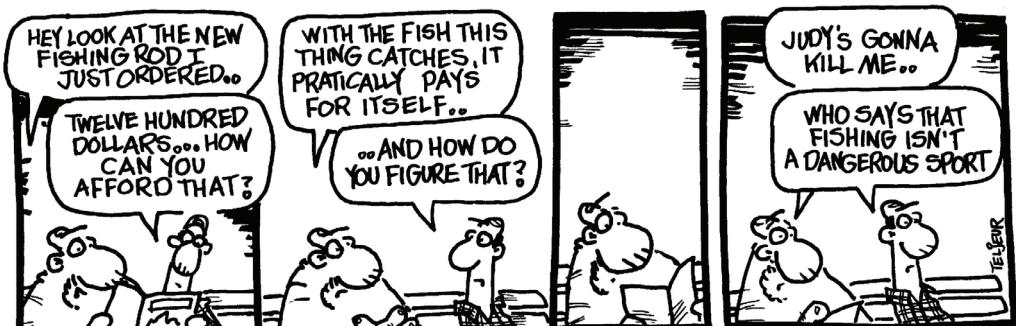
Area residents trying to quit smoking can go online and order something that won't cost them a cent, but which makes plenty of sense for their long-term health.

Free nicotine patches and gum – and \$10 in discount coupons to purchase more products – are now available to anyone in Ontario trying to quit smoking or tobacco use. The Smokers' Helpline is providing the free trial packages until the end

of November. To order a package, people can go online ([www.smokershelpline.ca/trialoffer](http://www.smokershelpline.ca/trialoffer)) or call 1-877-513-5333.

"The nicotine patches and gum are free and can pay off handsomely in helping people break free from tobacco use," says Karen Taylor, a public health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Research shows see SMOKERS' page 10

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# Weekend Kennisis Lake art tour doubles as fundraiser

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Art on the Dock, hosted by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, has three primary objectives: to give local artists an opportunity to sell their work; to ensure a friendly event for residents and visitors of the lake; and to raise funds for the Artist in the School and Commu-

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*I think it's totally different because you can go from dock to dock.*

— Event Co-ordinator Janis Parker

nity Program.

Event co-ordinator Janis Parker says the event has been achieving its goals since it started five years ago.

“It really was community building. The fact that it's turned into a strong community-building event and does some fundraising for the Artists in the School Program. It's just a win-win. It's a really good event and last year we were able to donate over \$5,000,” she said.

Close to \$10,000 has been raised for the Artist in the School and Community Program since the art tour began.

Each artist either pays a \$50 fee or donates an item. The items are used for an auction at the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon, held on the Canada Day weekend. Those funds, along with contributions from the public, are then donated.

Parker Pad and Printing and Viper Marketing have been the sponsors since the beginning, helping to cover the event's expenses.

This year's event includes a few new artists, who stepped in for others that did not participate this year and a limit to the locations. Having more than one artist at a location allows event-goers to see more.

The two-day studio tour is on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to

3 p.m. and includes 20 locations and close to 40 artists.

Plan your route by using the map, or refer to the 32-page program, available online at [www.klcoa.org/2019-art-on-the-dock-program-now-published/](http://www.klcoa.org/2019-art-on-the-dock-program-now-published/) and in printed copies at Kennisis Marina, Haliburton Forest Cookhouse and Abbey Gardens.

When compared to other studio tours, Parker said the main difference is the option to cruise the lake, see her neighbours, visit with artists and see great art.

“That's the biggest difference and it's in the summer ... I think it's totally different because you can go from dock to dock,” she said. The tour can also be completed by vehicle.

The seed for the event was planted during a conversation between Parker and artist Shelley Beach, who died from cancer just before last year's event. Parker remembers how she and Beach, who were both on the arts council at the time, were interested in raising money for the Artist in the School and Community Program.

“This really became her idea. Tayce Wakefield took it and ran with it, but I kind of love doing it just because it was Shelley's idea,” she said. “For me and some of the people involved right from the beginning it's kind of just ... it was a really a great idea and got people to contribute and donate.”

## Love Your Lake

The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization is hosting a half-day seminar called Love Your Lake.

The purpose of this event is to highlight the many factors that have a significant effect on lake health and what we can do to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes. With confirmed reports last year of blue-green algae in Haliburton County lakes, there is no time like the present to learn how to take action.

The event will take place Saturday, July 20, at the Minden Hills Community Centre beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers will include Rob Davis and Mike Rahme: Mysteries of your septic system; Julia Sutton: Naturalized shorelines and the use of native plants; and Alexandre Walsh: Recognition, prevention and control of invasive plant and animal species. There will also be a number of vendor booths.

The event is free for LKO members, tickets are \$15 and admission is \$20 at the door.

You can register online at [www.lko.ca](http://www.lko.ca). For more information or to register personally call Jim Bertram at 705-457-4697 or email treasurer@lko.ca or call Wendy Hampson at 705-286-6770 or email membership@lko.ca

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# Smokers' Helpline and health unit can help

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that nicotine patches and gum can help people quit for good, so we encourage people to contact the Smokers' Helpline to order their packages."

Staying smoke-free can take several quit attempts, so even if people haven't been

successful in the past, Taylor encourages them to try again by tapping into the free resources offered by the Smokers' Helpline.

In addition to offering the nicotine patches and gum, the Smokers' Helpline provides support and a wealth of information about quitting smoking and tobacco use. Smokers' Helpline is a free, confidential service pro-

vided by the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Health Unit can also support people trying to quit smoking or tobacco use in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Local residents can learn about supports and services by calling 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2240.

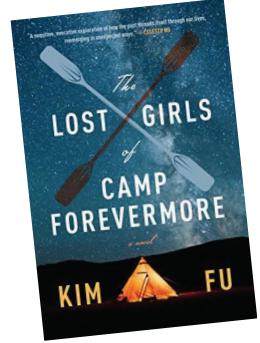
*Submitted by HKPR Health Unit*

## Book of the Month - July

*The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore*  
by Kim Fu

A group of young girls descend on Camp Forevermore, a sleepaway camp in the Pacific Northwest, where their days are filled with swimming lessons, friendship bracelets, and campfire songs. Excited and nervous, they set off on an overnight kayaking trip to a nearby island. Before the night is over, however, they find themselves stranded, with no adults to help them survive or guide them home.

*The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore* traces these five girls—Nita, Kayla, Isabel, Dina, and Siobhan—through and beyond this fateful trip. We see them through successes and failures, loving relationships and heartbreaks; we see what it means to find, and define, oneself, and the ways in which the same experience is refracted through different people. In diamond-sharp prose, Kim Fu gives us a portrait of friendship, the families we build for ourselves—and the pasts we can't escape. Pick up your copy at the Haliburton County Public Library.





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## The Night Sky

This week we are going to look at a massive red giant star. Look toward the south and find bright steady shining Jupiter, the largest of our planets. To the lower right of Jupiter you should be able to pick out a red twinkling star. This is Antares. It is a massive star. If we put it in place of our own sun, its outer diameter would stretch out beyond the orbit of Mars. Its mass is some 12 times our sun. It has reached the end of all the atomic fusion cycles a star can produce and is set to end its life in one of the most violent explosions in nature, a supernova. When this happens sometime in the future, the glow of the event will be visible for days, even in the daytime. The elements the star had made and those heavier fused in the supernova will be flung into space in all directions to form new stars and planets and all that is.

Jupiter shines bright all night followed by fainter Saturn to its east. Look for their steady shine against the background of twinkling stars.

The Haliburton Forest astronomy program runs Friday nights through the summer. For more information, visit [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com) or call 1-800-631-2198.

Brian Mould  
Haliburton Forest Observatory



Gelert resident Randy MacDonald finishes his shot during the Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, June 20 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre golf course in Haliburton. Seventy-six golfers and diners attended the event, which included special holes (hole in one and closest to the pin), event golf balls with the Rotary logo and Water Ambassadors Canada logo, and then ended with a dinner.



Barry Hart, co-founder of Water Ambassadors Canada shares a laugh.

## Water ambassadors raise nearly \$30,000

The Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic raised close to \$30,000 and owes this result to local participation and the support from the business community. New this year the event remembered Jenn Casey and Pam Forbes with

a tribute on hole three. They will be remembered for their volunteering through trips to bring clean drinking water to communities and in helping with golf events in the past. Water Ambassadors Canada is a faith-based, non-profit,

registered Canadian charity. The organization co-ordinates Canadian volunteer teams to drill and repair wells, set up water purification systems, distribute water filters, and teach health and hygiene. /DARREN LUM Staff



A golfer drives during the Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic.

**SUMMER WALK-IN CLINICS**

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# HHHS volunteer logs 1,473 hours on the road

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Marika Lembo De Florio starts her days at 4 a.m., after just a few hours of sleep. But later in the morning when she answers the phone, she does so still with a cheery greeting, full of energy and raring to go.

De Florio lives in a log cabin in the woods in Gooderham, where she moved about five years ago in hopes of enjoying winters with lots of snow. When she isn't outside with her coffee, wishing for the colder season to return, she's often on the road, using that boundless energy to help others.

Of more than 340 Haliburton Highlands Health Services volunteers, De Florio is the one with the most hours logged this year, having contributed 1,473 hours as a volunteer driver in the 2018-2019 year. Despite this time on the road, she was surprised to hear she accumulated so many hours.

"I thought, OK, 1,473 hours, what does that work out to, so I typed it into the 'net, and listen to this, if I left New Year's Eve, in my car, and drove 24/7 without stopping, drove night and day every single day, I would be done March 1," she laughed. "Is that not mind-blowing? I mean, 24/7, not stopping."

De Florio said she then searched for how many hours in a year there are, realizing there are only 8,760, and not hundreds of thousands as she said she first guessed.

"It didn't strike me as a lot of hours when she told me, because I thought there was like 100,000 hours in the year," she laughed.

De Florio said she drives six days a week if a ride is needed.

"I feel so lucky to be able to drive because it's great interaction, you're out every single day, and I love driving," the former Toronto cab driver said. "Driving is therapy."

The HHHS transportation program provided 13,435 rides this year to clients requiring support in getting to appointments both locally and out of town.

"I just can't tell you enough how, you know, new clients will get in the car and say, 'oh, you just don't know how grateful I am and how wonderful it is for you to do this,'" said De Florio. "I said, no, no, no, you have it the other way around. I'm the one who's grateful."

If she's not finding the sweet spots to park while her clients are at their appointments, De Florio said it's a good opportunity for her to get out of the house, shop for hard-to-find items and occasionally play a game or two of poker at the local casino. But to her, the best part of the job is connecting with clients, who she ensures feel comfortable and safe by calling ahead to confirm the ride, having an upbeat atmosphere in the car, and as the "queen of oil changes," always keeping her trusty Toyota in top form.

"When they get in the car they are more than thrilled that they can unload all of their problems, and I've got great ears for that," said De Florio. "Some people just want to talk and tell me everything that's going on. I ask nothing, they just want to talk. They're happy to share things with you. And then away they go."

De Florio's preference is driving out of town, but she said she's perfected routes that enable her to avoid traffic or riskier driving.

"I'm a backroads girl," she said. "There are people who live up here, some of them, especially if they have to go to the city, they're not fond of the 401



because they're not used to it, and the highways."

After De Florio, the next busiest volunteer at HHHS drove 1,066 hours, and five more volunteers were able to drive between 700 and 900 hours. But any contribution helps the community, according to HHHS.

"We are incredibly grateful for Marika's dedication and commitment, and for the contributions made by all of our HHHS volunteers, who help make a difference for those who are facing some of the most challenging and vulnerable times of their lives," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and chief executive officer via email. "Volunteers are a cornerstone of HHHS; we have programs that couldn't operate and facilities that wouldn't be here if it weren't for the unfailing generosity of our volunteers. We also know that the difference volunteers make for the quality of life of our patients, residents, and clients is invaluable."

De Florio stressed to readers who might be considering volunteering that volunteer reimbursement doesn't affect pension or benefits that people might be receiving in any way.

"Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to take people to medical appointments, so we don't expect them to be out of pocket for expenses associated with that," said Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer services at HHHS via email. "Our volunteer drivers receive 40 cents per km driven to offset things like gas, oil changes, tires, ongoing maintenance and other wear and tear and depreciation they experience due to using their personal vehicle for their volunteer role (the amount we pay is restricted by the Broader Public Sector Accountability Agreement)."

De Florio said she can choose how often she volunteers, working as little or as much as she wants to, and can choose the locations she does or doesn't drive to, making the experience a positive one for her.

"You can drive one day a month or whatever, you can drive wherever you want on your terms and you can go wherever you'd like to," she said. "If it's not driving you're interested in, the same applies to any of the other aspects of volunteering. Just offer yourself, or see what

Marika Lembo De Florio logged the most hours as a volunteer for Haliburton Highlands Health Services in the 2018-2019 year. The volunteer driver says she enjoys interacting with clients and being on the road. The HHHS transportation program provides rides to those requiring support getting to both local and out-of-town appointments. /Photo provided by Brigitte Gebauer

they have and put yourself in for some of those things because it gets you out of the house, it gets you to interact and you're never obligated."

She said she lives a happy life and loves what she does. "It benefits yourself," she said. "It benefits the client because it gets them where they want to go, but it benefits you, too."

De Florio doesn't intend to slow down any time soon. "I'm almost 70, I'm going to 120," she laughed.

For more information about getting involved, contact Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer co-ordinator, at bgebauer@hhhs.ca or by phone at 705-457-2941 extension 2927.

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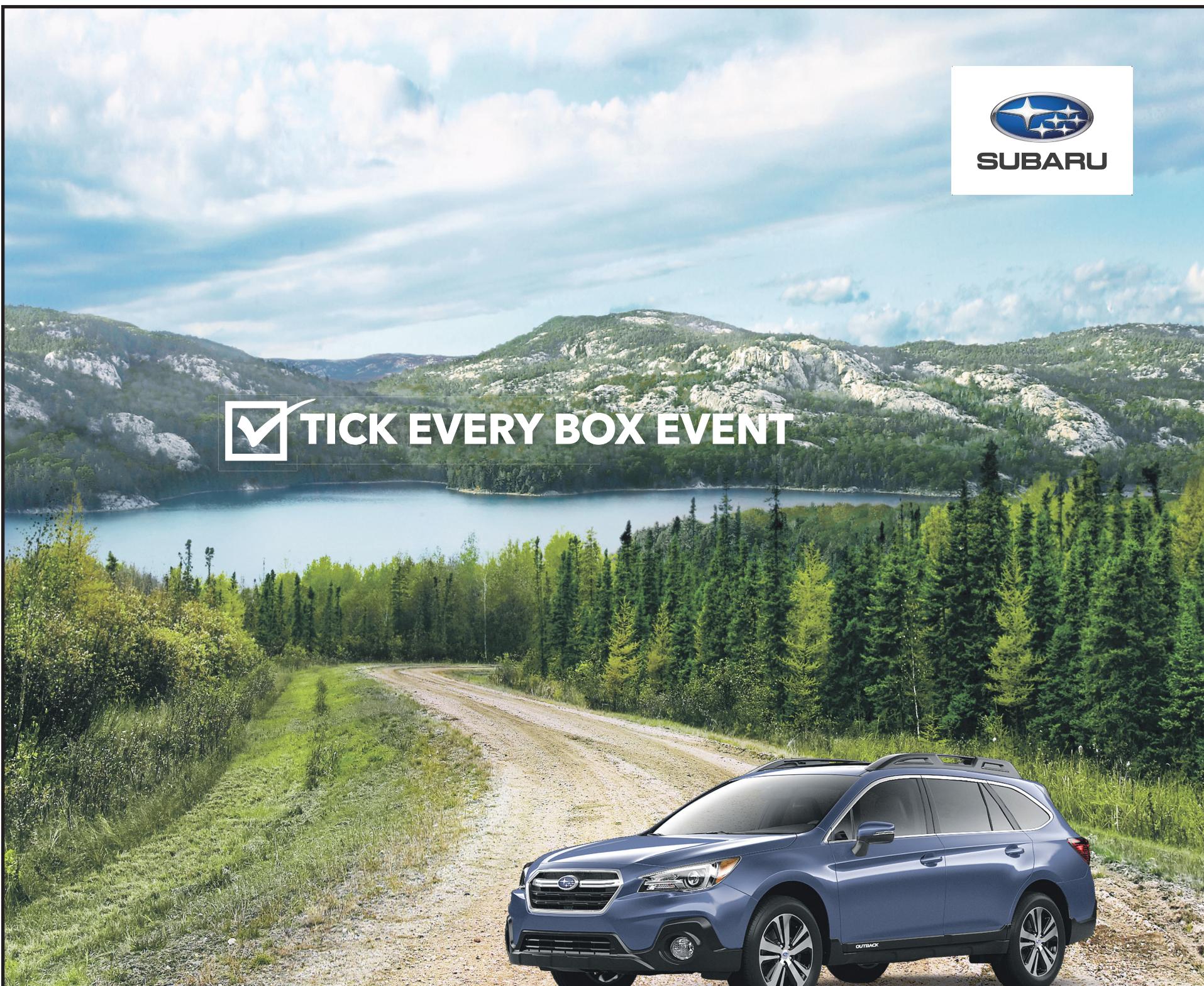
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# Aging Well Committee learns new potential strategies from George Brown faculty

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

George Brown College gerontology faculty and Aging Well Haliburton County exchanged strategies during a June 21 meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Clinic to tackle problems seniors face in the community, and may work together in the future to bring

aging-friendly ideas, partnerships, and co-op students to the county.

According to Molly Marrack, George Brown professor and gerontology activation co-ordinator, the information will help inform the curriculum for a course called Aging in Place, one of the first courses students take.

"This one really stood out," said Marrack about the master plan. "You got into such detail – so many of them are lightly once-over, but there were a lot of doable

action steps that were attached. So we started quoting this."

"We're talking about you," said activation co-ordinator for gerontology Anna-Marie Stoneburgh. "You're very much on my lectures. My students know Huntsville, they know Haliburton, they know Minden, they know Parry Sound. So I wanted you to know that too."

Although the faculty praised their work, partners, and expertise on the subject, many issues still exist locally such as transportation, housing, and long-term care that continue to be big challenges for the committee. Aging Well staff said a big problem in particular are the lack of options for caregivers in the area.

Activation co-ordinator for gerontology Pamela Gauci, who has sponsored a nanny from abroad, said that sponsoring foreign care workers can help tackle the shortage of personal care workers and the housing crisis all in one.

"You're acting as a sponsor for someone who is a trained PSW or nurse, and it's an opportunity for them to come into Canada to offer help in home," said Gauci. "It kind of deals with your housing issue because you're having them live in your own home, get a deduction in terms of what you pay them because you charge them room and board, and then eventually a lot of them end up staying in that community."

Doreen Boville, health promoter for the HKPR Health Unit and chair for the Aging Well Haliburton Committee, said it was a "great idea" and something to look

into.

"I can see a few potential partners, whether it's community support services, or even the local churches might be interested in it," said Boville. "That is a potential solution to a few things: it's the caregiving, the home-share, having that resource in the community. Then it becomes building the community, because if they stay in the community and continue to provide those services, even once their initial hours are completed, it is definitely a win-win."

To tackle recreation and limitation in transportation, faculty showed the success of one of their grad's projects: a mobile recreation initiative that had programs come to the people instead of the people to a centre.

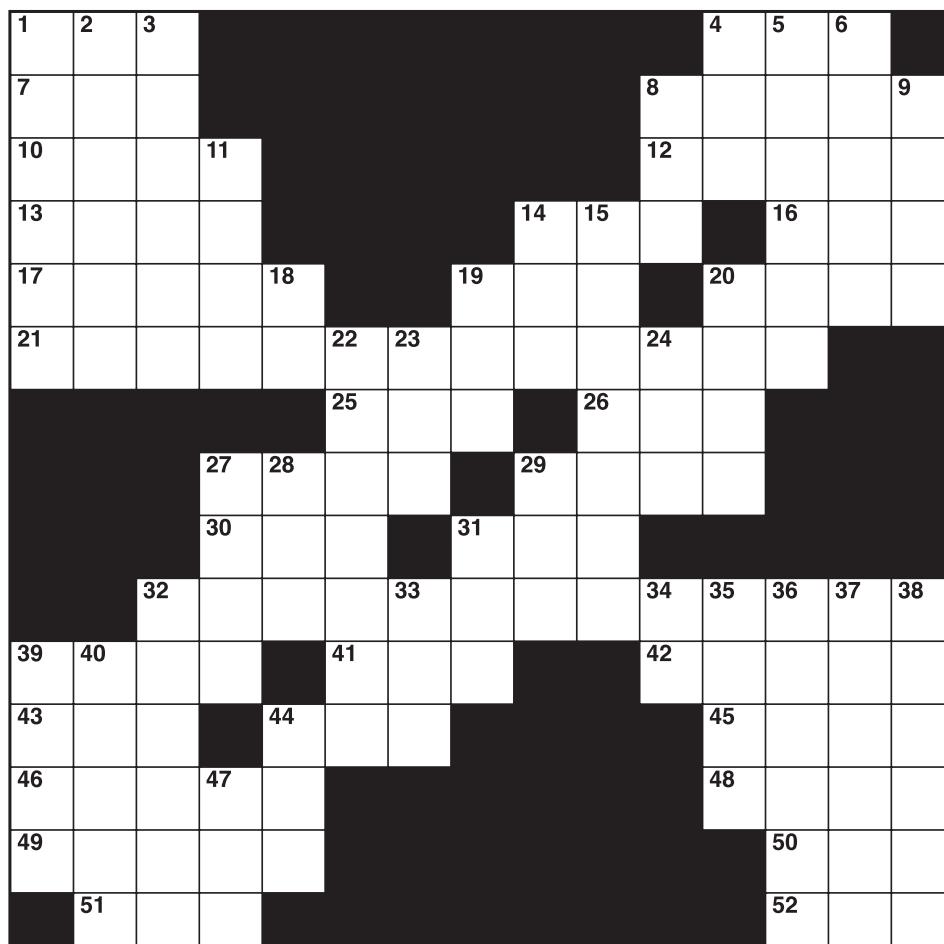
"She came up with this idea where they had a small office with all of their supplies," said Marrack about the WISE Mobile Active Living Centre operating throughout 19 locations across Muskoka. "And every day, they go, they pack early in the morning with program. She was at one site, it went on, eight to 10 members, she packs it all up, she drives to the next community. They brought it all together and on a regular basis they go to each of these places."

The programs feature different themes that local businesses can help contribute to. Although the program existed before, it was the changes her student, Katelynn Laarakker, made that helped make it suc-

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On June 21, George Brown College faculty met at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team clinic to discuss updates to the Haliburton County Age Friendly Master Plan and new strategies for the committee. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

## Mobile care vehicle could save money

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cessful. According to Marrack, the new program is saving the District of Muskoka "all kinds of money" and is being academically recognized for its groundbreaking work.

Boville said this initiative would be a great end goal for the committee to achieve.

"The social participation piece we haven't done a lot on yet, but we said maybe one of our future projects then is to start an inventory with all the things that are happening," said Boville. "I think there are a couple objectives that were identified in the Master Plan that could actually meet those objectives."

Potential co-op placements through-

out the county was proposed as a future project to help the two work together – to give students experience in a senior community while bringing help to seniors.

"I know from George Brown College we're really trying to put you on the map to promote the idea of coming up to live in the community, and this is where it's at," said Stoneburgh. "It would be lovely to have a student come up here."

"It'll be a great thing for us to always keep on the back burner and bring someone to you that we think is a great match," said Marrack. "We'll try our best."

The committee is interested in coming up with ways for students to come up to the Highlands for placements, with a list of places that the students would be able to be placed for co-op.

# Highlands East bustles on Canada Day

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
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Green, green, our world is green. Recent hot summer green! Hope all are coping with the extreme high temperatures.

Canada Day was a well celebrated time in this area under sunny skies. Many enjoyed the fellowship of being together at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre for flag raising by Legion members, greetings from Councillor Ruth Strong and hosting group Wilberforce Heritage Guild. Thanks to Nigel Hollings for leading O Canada.

Inside the cool community hall celebrators enjoyed free refreshments that included sandwiches and Canada 152 birthday cakes with ice cream. Thanks to Wilberforce Heritage Guild et al. Fine music was provided by Bethany Houghton.

Enthusiasts brought their passports to be stamped as they visited other celebrations in Highlands East municipality. Firefighters welcomed visitors to their hall. Horse-drawn wagon rides were great fun as were games at the curling rink. Thanks to Luann Coghlan for donation of the Red Door painting to the guild. It went home with Ms. Agnew.

All in all the day was well celebrated. Family members and friends were

delighted to attend the Wilberforce Elementary School 2019 Grade 8 graduation and awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 26 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

The ceremony was led by Principal Ms. Fournier with greetings and good wishes from board of education trustee Brohman. Awards presenters were Mayor Burton, vice principal Ms. Davies and teachers Ms. Higgins, Ms. Webb and Mr. Findeis.

Awards were presented to students from Grade 4 to 8 for excellent progress and achievement in academic areas in general as well as in their French program, the arts, athletics and for leadership, citizenship and perseverance.

The valedictorian chosen by her Grade 8 classmates Ms. V. Kane spoke well on their behalf.

The students on their way to high school in September are: R. Boermans, O. Deterling, I. Donaldson, A. Ervin, R. Ervin, R. Graham, H. Huffman, V. Kane, P. Lovell, I. Shanks, D. Storey and J. Winter.

Congratulations and best wishes for many good experiences at high school whether in Haliburton or Bancroft.

To all students and school staff, may your summer be restful and fun.

Congratulations to staff for a well organized ceremony and to the Community Cooks: three cheers for your cooking classes with the students and for the refreshments on this special day.

The Outpost museum is open to visitors for the summer. Some work on the siding at the rear is nearing completion. This week's event is High Tea from 1:15 to 4 p.m. this Wednesday, July 19.

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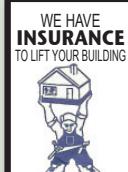
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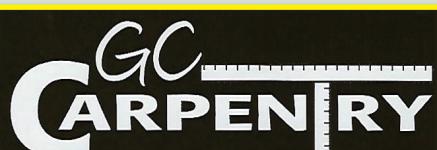
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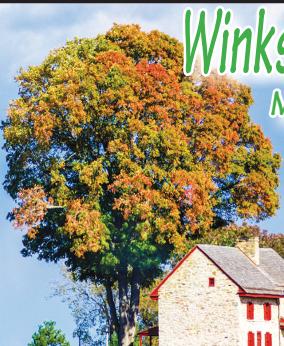
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SBES track and field team that competed in Lindsay: from left at back, Gracie Pickett and Gideon Borgdorff. From left, middle row, Julia Lafferty, Maya Parish, Annika Gervais, who was the overall primary girls champion, and Mazey Robinson. Front from left, Lincoln Brown, Duncan Evans-Fockler and Travis Rowe.

  
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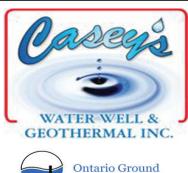


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When: Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
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When: Sat. July 13, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Road  
MBC is pleased to include guest speakers Doug Norris, Director Abbey Garden Retreat and Ted Smith from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow as part of our AGM. Come have a coffee with your neighbours and get an update on MBC's activities. New members are always welcome.

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When: Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m.  
Where: Rigney's Roost

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# What's the harm?

PART OF MY job as media and communications worker for the HKLN Drug Strategy is to help inform the public about the potential harms associated with substance use. The drug strategy uses a Four Pillar approach that includes harm reduction; prevention and education; treatment; and justice and enforcement. When it comes to harm reduction, we want to meet people where they are in their own substance use and allow them to decide what next steps are right for them. It is not about convincing people that they should quit using substances, but rather providing them with resources and information so that they can be safer. From the outside looking in, it might appear that harm reduction encourages people to use substances. That is simply not the case at all. If we are aware that substance use is inevitable in a percentage of our population, then we need to make using substances as safe as we possibly can to minimize the harm to the user and those around them.

We all practice harm reduction in our own lives. Looking both ways before crossing the street, wearing a seatbelt when in a vehicle and wearing a helmet while cycling are all effective strategies proven to reduce harm and suffering a serious injury. Many are aware of harm reduction methods for those who smoke cigarettes, including the use of nicotine patches and gum. Those methods have helped those wanting to quit smoking, but they only work if someone wants to quit.

For harm reduction to be effective there must be a realization by the person using substances that they want to change something about their use and a sense of accountability for that decision. While family and friends and community supports can come alongside of that person on their journey, ultimately it is the substance user who must choose their own path. They decide what the next steps are for them. It can be so easy to look at other people and determine what

we think is best for them. What others may deem a problem in someone else's life might actually be the solution that person is using to stay alive. Do we ever stop and think about the fact that there are people who use substances to cope with pain and trauma in their life? Could it be that some people are using substances to just get themselves through the day? For this person just the idea of quitting would seem completely ludicrous.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, I am practicing abstinence as part of my substance use recovery plan because I have tried a variety of other options and found that it is the best way for me to stay healthy. It is by no means the only way. If I were to impose my own beliefs on others, I might be setting them up to fail as they come to grips with what harm reduction can do to help them. It is not a case of either abstinence or harm reduction – they are both viable options for people who have indicated that they want to change. If someone chooses to go from consuming a 12-pack of beer a day to a six-pack, and is able to do it, that is a huge step for them personally and it reduces some of the harm associated with their drinking. They determine what success means to them. They can then evaluate where they are when they get to that step and decide for themselves what they want to do next.

Effective harm reduction uses a holistic approach to engage individuals where they are on the substance use continuum in a non-judgmental way. In the coming weeks

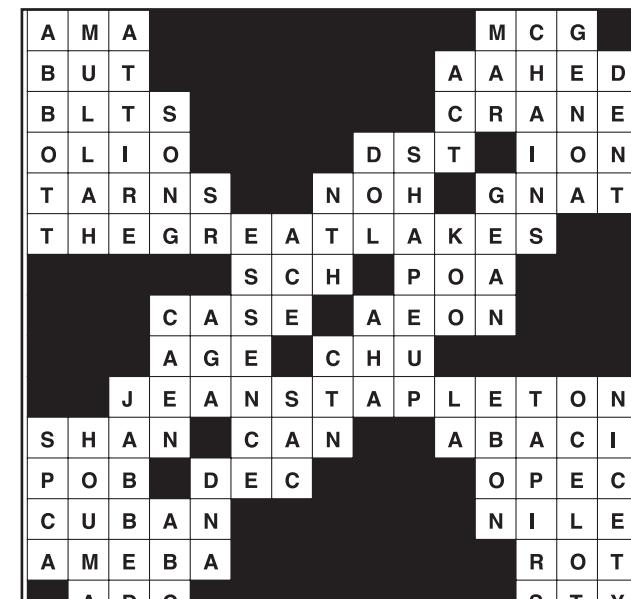
I will write about specific harm reduction strategies that can be practiced for different substances. It is important that we shift our thinking away from viewing harm reduction through our own value-based lenses and see that it has the potential to not only reduce the risks associated with substance use, but also provide those who want to change with a way to begin that often long and difficult process. For me, it took 15 years from the time I was first introduced to harm reduction methods to settle on what works for me. Thankfully, there are those who "get it" a lot sooner than that because the decision not to embrace harm reduction strategies could be fatal. Harm reduction saves lives – it acts as a life preserver until the required and appropriate help arrives.

Next week I will be writing about a substance that has placed a significant burden on our health care and legal system. It is also now the most readily available substance in our province.

Reach me at [communications@hklndrugstrategy.ca](mailto:communications@hklndrugstrategy.ca) or by phone at 705-854-1072. Follow us on Twitter @HKLNDrugStrat and Facebook @HKLNDrugStrat.

Nick Adams is the Media and Communications Worker for the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy. Through a series of weekly columns, Nick will discuss how the Drug Strategy is reducing the harms and stigma around substance use in our communities and will offer a unique perspective to the various weekly topics by sharing his own personal experience.

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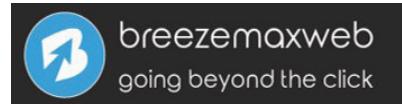
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Susan retired after 34 years with the Toronto Police Service as a Strategic Planner, with experience in research, project management and program evaluation. Susan is awed by the beauty of this county and is happy to have the opportunity to help protect the lakes that make it beautiful.



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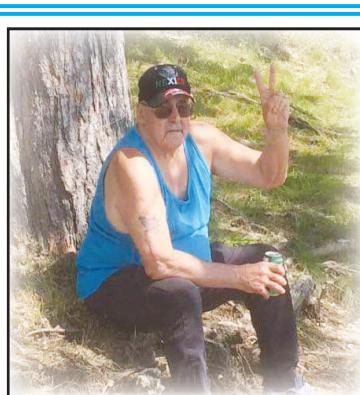
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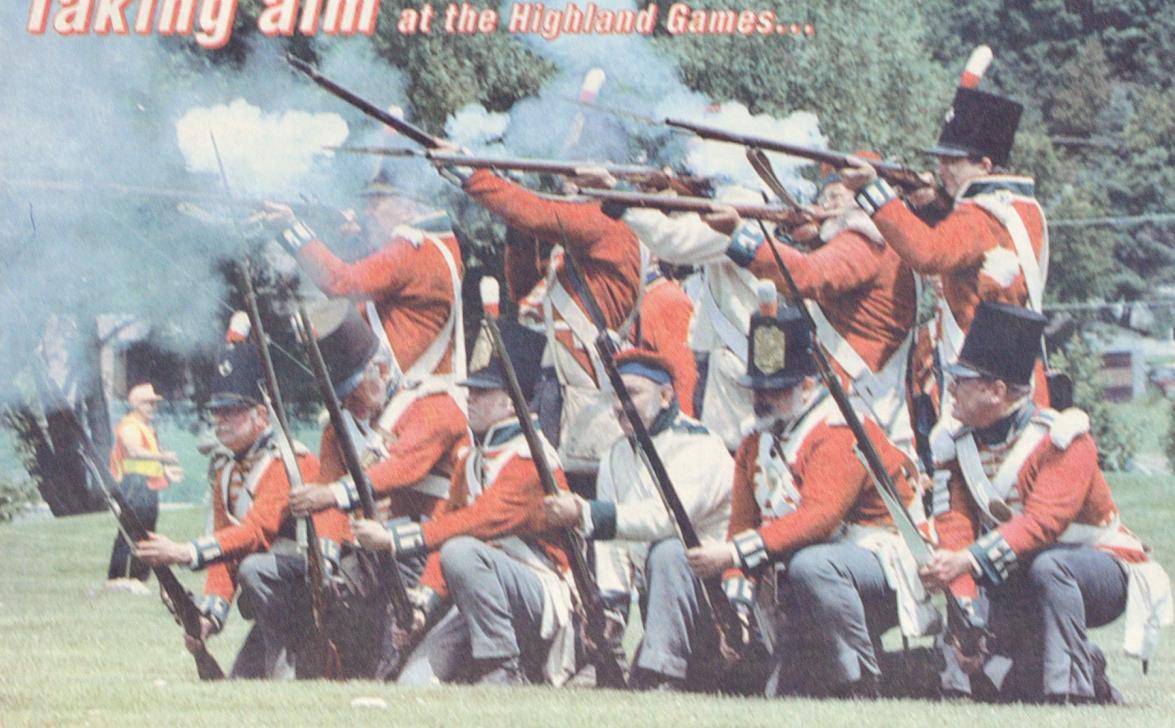
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**Taking aim at the Highland Games...**



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event at Head Lake Park also included traditional heavy events, performances by pipe and drum bands and competitions for Scottish Dancers. See more photos on page 8.

## **Speak French:**

■ Mothers want other parents to support their bid to bring French Immersion to Haliburton County

**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

Elementary students in the Highlands should have the option to do their schooling almost entirely in French, as they do in other parts of the district board, say two Haliburton mothers.

Nancy Ballantyne and Karen Saunders want trustees to start a French Immersion program in at least one Haliburton County school, beginning in September of next year.

Ballantyne and Saunders know parents tried unsuccessfully in the past to convince the former Haliburton County

board to offer French Immersion.

But they're hopeful the new school board's policy of equal access to equal programs across the district will give them a better chance this time around.

Currently, parents can enrol their kids in French Immersion classes at two elementary schools in Lindsay and three in Muskoka. One high school in Muskoka also offers the program.

The board has extra funding in its budget for French Immersion. Ballantyne and Saunders are trying to gain enough support from other parents to justify asking trustees to

spend some of that money to bring the program to the Highlands.

Students across the district begin receiving French instruction in Grade 4 for one 40-minute period per day.

In a French Immersion program, children would receive all of their instruction in French, beginning in Kindergarten. English is introduced in the higher grades gradually until children receive roughly half of their instruction in each language.

Saunders and Ballantyne feel children can learn French more easily and more fluently by

See **Busing** page 4

**Highlands gets its own OPP detachment**

**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's stand-alone OPP detachment will provide greater stability and "custom-tailored" policing to residents of the Highlands, officials said at an opening ceremony Friday.

The newly named Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment, operating out of the force's Minden office, is no longer tied to Victoria County through a joint Minden-Coboconk Detachment.

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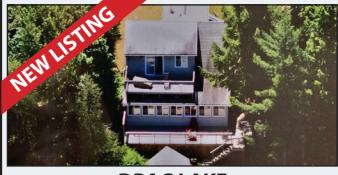
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